

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2128 - HB 2174

January 30, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes persons age 60, rather than 65 or older, to vote absentee upon request.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$4,200/FY15-16 and Every Four Years
Thereafter**

**Increase Local Expenditures - \$13,600/FY12-13 and Every Two Years
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\$1,300/FY13-14 and Every Four Years
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\$13,600/FY14-15 and Every Two Years
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Assumptions:

- According to the Coordinator of Elections, there are approximately 239,134 active voters between the ages of 65 to 69.
- Of these voters, approximately 3,100 voted by mail in the February Presidential Preference Primary (PPP) in 2008; 1,900 voted by mail in August 2008; and 8,500 voted by mail in November 2008. Approximately 960 voted by mail in May 2010; 3,800 voted by mail in August 2010; and 5,500 voted by mail in November 2010.
- There are an estimated 305,000 active voters between the ages of 60 to 64. Based on the number of by-mail voters in previous elections, an estimated 13,000 voters will participate by mail in an August/November election; 4,000 voters in a Presidential Preference Primary; and 1,200 voters in a May primary.
- Mailing costs will include \$0.45 for the application, \$0.45 for the absentee ballot; and \$0.15 for ballot instructions, for a total of \$1.05 for each voter.
- For an August/November election, mailing costs to local governments will be \$13,650 (13,000 x \$1.05) statewide.
- For a May primary election, mailing costs to local governments will be \$1,260 (1,200 x \$1.05) statewide.

- For a Presidential Preference Primary, state mailing costs will be \$4,200 (4,000 x \$1.05 statewide. This will include the cost of the May county primary which is held in conjunction with the Presidential Preference Primary.

**Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" and last name "Geise" clearly distinguishable.

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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